



On the traces of the Tour de France: Explore the Alps on a motorcycle

During this motorcycle tour from Lyon to Cannes, you will discover the greatest french alpine passes, which are crossed every year by the Tour de France cyclists. Enjoy the 4 emotion-filled riding days and come back with your head full of marvelous memories!



Your motorcycle tour in short

Type of tour	Self-Guided Tour
Period	April – June – July – August – September - October
Departure / Arrival	Cannes / Lyon (or Lyon / Cannes as you can ride this tour in both directions)
Duration	6 days, 5 nights
Journey	Total distance: 1050 km, 650 miles Daily distances: 230-295 km, 143-183 miles The number of kilometers traveled each day correspond to an average distance which can vary. The itinerary, as well as the hotels indicated can be modified in the case of unexpected events.
Accommodation	*** or **** Hotels, breakfast included
Difficulty	Hard
Included Insurance	GOLD - <i>Deductible for Damages: 1 000€ or 1 500 CAD</i> - <i>Deductible for Theft / Fire : 1 000€ or 1 500 CAD</i> - <i>Deductible for Flat tire / Towing : 100€ or 150 CAD</i>
Security Deposit	1 000€ or 1 500 CAD



Discover the French Alps and their passes with Universal Riders

Are you an experienced motorcyclist and **Tour de France** enthusiast wishing to ride through the **famous French Alp passes** on a prestigious motorcycle? You wouldn't be against a short trip to Switzerland?

Then don't wait any longer to choose [your high-end motorcycle](#) from a large selection of brands such as Harley-Davidson, Indian, Triumph and BMW Motorrad and join our **motorcycle tour from Lyon to Cannes**. Our roadbook will take you **to the heart of the Alps**, Europe's biggest mountain chain. We will then travel South, through Annecy, Chamonix and Briançon before reaching Cannes after a **4-day ride full of emotion**.

Are planned for this motorcycle ride: wonderful encounters, **sensational cultural and gastronomical discoveries**, windy mountain roads, hundreds of hairpin turns and tons of unforgettable memories!

Once your trip is booked, all you will have to do is pack your bag and peacefully come to our [Lyon Universal Riders agency](#) for the departure: we will take care of the rest!



Jour 1 - Meeting in Lyon (0 km – 0 mi)

Without a doubt, you will be treated as a king in **Lyon**, as the former capital of the Gauls is known for its “bon vivant” spirit. Located at the confluence of the Rhône and Saone rivers, the city is **packed with history**. So take advantage of this first day to discover all the local marvels, from the Old City to the Confluence neighborhood, Place Bellecour, Fourvière, la Part Dieu...

But before setting out to explore Lyon, make sure to stop at our Universal Riders agency to take care of the last formalities of your **trip through the Alps**. If necessary, a free shuttle service can come and pick you up at the train station or airport and take you to our agency, then your hotel.

1 night in Lyon.



Day 2 : Lyon – Annecy (230 km – 143 mi)

This first riding-day will begin slowly by crossing the Ain county. You will make a first stop in the **medieval city of P erouges**, listed as one of the most beautiful villages of France.

Later on, you will **ride through the Jura and Bauges mountains**, surrounded by the majestic Alps. you will then encounter the **Grand Colombier pass**, 1 534 meters high, before navigating the mid-height **Semnoz mountain** (1 699 m) located right next to Annecy.

Finally, you will reach **Annecy** in the afternoon, where you will have time to enjoy what has been dubbed the *“Venice of the Alps”*. You can walk along the canal and throughout the historical city-center or even go and see the town’s **beautiful glacial lake**.

1 night in Annecy.



Day 3 : Annecy – Chamonix (255 km – 158 mi)

That day, you will be exploring the **bucolic roads of the Alps**. You will travel at the foot of the Aravis Range and then through the Bornes Massif, where you will encounter the **Colombière pass** (1 613m) and its welcoming farmhouse inn, "Chez Michel".

La Clusaz, le Grand-Bornand, Bonneville, Cluses and the **Abondance valley** will have no secrets for you and you will be dreaming of returning to this beautiful region!

Early in the afternoon, you will make a quick trip to Switzerland and enjoy the **magnificent views** from the Pointe de Bellevue (2 042m) to the Crevasse (1 808m), before reaching **Chamonix**, where you will discover the **Aiguille du Midi** (3 842 m) and the **Mer de Glace**, a nearly 7 km-long glacier.

1 night in Chamonix.



Day 4 : Chamonix – Briançon (295 km – 183 mi)

Hold on to your motorcycle, this day will be especially athletic! You will go around the Mont-Blanc, heading West to cross the **Col des Saies pass** (1 633 m) and the **Cornet de Roselend** (1 968 m) before heading toward **Bourg-Saint-Maurice** and its very popular ski resort, Les Arcs.

You will then head toward Tignes, the **Iseran pass** (2 764 m) and the **Télégraphe pass** (1 566 m). There, you should be able to spot **Mont Thabor** (3 178m) before reaching the impressive **Galibier pass** (2 642 m).

Later in the afternoon, you will reach **Briançon**, which is said to be **France's highest city**. Do not miss the city's citadel designed by Vauban and listed by UNESCO as a world heritage site.

1 night in Briançon.



Day 5 : Briançon – Cannes (270 km – 168 mi)

For the last riding-day, you will begin with the **Queyras nature park**. This is where you will encounter the notorious **Col d'Izoard pass** (2 361m), frequently seen in the Tour de France. You will also be able to enjoy the rocky landscape, typical of this area called “**Casse Déserte**”.

You will then cross the **Gorges du Guil**, as well as the cities of Guillestre, Vars and Jausiers to reach the **Mercantour park** via the sinuous D64 road and the **Col de la Bonette**, Europe's highest pass (2 715 m). Italy will then only be a few kilometers away, to your left!

You will finally drive around the **Préalpes d'Azur nature park**, heading South-East and visit **Grasse**, the perfume capital, before reaching **Cannes** late in the afternoon.

1 night in Cannes.



Day 6 : End of the Tour in Cannes (0 km – 0 mi)

After a good night's sleep, it will be time to go to [the Cannes Universal Riders agency](#) and return your rental motorcycle.

You wish to continue your motorcycle journey? Please know that we offer **other motorcycle trips** and that you can prolong your prestigious motorcycle rental. Round or one-way trips to other Universal Riders agencies are possible. You will be able to enjoy more memorable moments on the French roads!

However, before you leave, don't forget to **explore Cannes**, city of luxury and international festivals! Head to the city-center, and the **Suquet hill**, its historical neighborhood, to discover all the marvels this town has to offer. Once you are ready to go, our free shuttle service can drop you off at the airport or train station.



Included service for the Self-guided Tour

- Motorcycle rental, with unlimited mileage (*departure from 2:00pm onwards on the first day and return before 12:00pm on the last day*)
- Helmets, both for the pilot and his / her passenger
- Rain suits, both for the pilot and his / her passenger
- 1 security cable
- 1 GPS system, with the entire tour already uploaded
- 1 printed roadbook with suggestions (*about remarkable and historic sites and landmarks to visit, restaurants, cultural spots, etc.*)
- 5 nights in comfortable 3 or 4 star hotels
- 5 breakfasts
- 1 comprehensive insurance with “GOLD” coverage
- Roadside assistance in case of a flat tire, a breakdown or an accident (*roadside repairs and towing of the motorbike*).
- Free shuttle service between the hotel, airport, or train station and our rental location (*limited to 25 kms*).

Non-included services

- Any services not mentioned as “included”, as well as any service or item of personal nature,
- Fuel,
- tolls
- Plane or train tickets,
- Meals and drinks (lunch and dinner)
- Extra hotel fees (telephone, laundry, etc.),
- Travel insurance

Optional services

- Cancellation insurance
- Additional rental options (*additional luggage for the motorbike, jacket...*)
- Additional self-guided motorcycle tour on request and subject to availability (before or after this tour)

Would you like to go on a guided tour?

You are part of a group made up of at least 7 experienced pilots, who would like to travel all together with a professional tour guide?

Feel free to contact us to get more information and determine when you would like to go on this motorcycle tour. Depending on availability, our team should be able to give you a detailed quote and properly organize a guided motorcycle tour for you and your fellow pilots, according to the itinerary described within this brochure.

To get in touch with our customer service, you can either:

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- or
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